

[25th March 1960]

**SRI K. VINAYAKAM :** Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, are any political parties against the clearance of the slums and if so what are the instances wherein the political parties have butted in and thwarted the progress of clearance of these slums?

**THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :** I did not intend to cast any reflection on any political party. What I said was that leaders of public opinion should come forward and educate the people in the slums that it is in their own self-interest—even though it may be irksome in the first instance to move from the places in which they are accustomed to live—to go and live in other places where they can lead a more hygienic and healthier life. If this is done, I am sure, slum clearance work can be expedited.

*Allotment of space for hawkers*

\* 569 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to allot suitable space in measured plots on the main roads of the city to the hawkers?

**THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON :** A proposal made to Government is under examination.

**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Is the Hon. Minister aware that even now the hawkers are occupying the pavements causing obstruction to the pedestrians and if so, will the Government drop this?

**THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON :** The Council of the Corporation of Madras passed a Resolution requesting the Government to permit the Corporation to allot measured plots in some of the main roads of the City. Now, the hon. Member says that the hawkers are unauthorisedly occupying the pavements. The original question was, 'whether there is any proposal to allot suitable space in measured plots on the main roads of the city to the hawkers'. For that I have replied that the proposal was under examination. If, however, as the hon. Member says that they are occupying the pavements unauthorisedly, that should not be allowed, Sir.

**MR. SPEAKER :** We shall now go back to question No. 289.

*State Transport Department*

\* 289 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the replacement programme is progressing in the State Transport Department as programmed; and

(b) whether the possibility of accelerating the replacement programme was examined recently?

**THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :** (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.